

**THE CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART
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ANNUAL MAY SHOW

The annual MAY SHOW of The Cleveland Museum of Art is a local show with a national reputation. For 42 years the Cleveland Museum has exhibited the work of local artists and craftsmen. Sales during these years have amounted to well over a half million dollars. The challenge of each MAY SHOW has provided an inspiration for artists of the area to maintain the established high standard.

This 42nd MAY SHOW opens May 4. It reflects the contemporary approach to art just as the first MAY SHOW in 1919 reflected the realistic, conservative approach of that period. Each year new artists and craftsmen appear among the entrants - 219 new names are entered this year and 61 have had work accepted. New names, new media, new interpretations, as fresh and vital as Spring have made their appearance.

Judging has been done by an out-of-town Jury of art authorities - Mitchell Siporin, an artist, Harry Bertola, a sculptor-designer, Gordon M. Smith, a museum director and Roman S. Vishniac, a photographic consultant.

Over three thousand entries were screened. Selected for the Show were 537 works by 254 artists. Paintings, sculpture, silver, jewelry, enamels, textiles, drawings, prints, illustrations, pottery and photographs are represented. Most of the objects are for sale. Through the stimulating artistic environment of the MAY SHOW Cleveland has become an important influence in the field of ceramics, pottery and silver.

Last year 78,182 persons visited the MAY SHOW. Sales amounted to \$22,176.50. These figures reveal the wide interest and participation

of the public. Purchases from this carefully selected exhibition now hang in many homes, clubrooms and on the walls of the Museum itself. These creative efforts are contributing to the essential cultural growth of the community and the nation.

The MAY SHOW Exhibition is held in the Special Exhibition Gallery of the Museum and continues through June 12. It is open free to the public.

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